



The John G. Riley Center & Museum of African American History & Culture

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To: LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

From: Riley Center/Museum Inc. on behalf of the Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network

Request: Community Budget Issue Request (CBIR) — Placement of the Network Project into a House and Senate Bill or appropriate process to receive legislative funding.

STATEMENT OF NEED: The John Gilmore Riley Center and Museum of African American History and Culture is a model example of the positive impact that a few committed people can have when they share a common vision and dream. In its eight short years of existence, retired Department of Education employee, Althemese Barnes, has directed the day-to-day activities at the Riley House as well as formed connections with preservation-minded individuals across the state, through establishment of the Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network and Conference. Riley has done much to engage individuals/organizations in efforts to identify, preserve, protect and celebrate the historical and cultural heritage and contributions of African Americans, in general, but in "grassroots" communities in particular. There is still much work to do. The Florida African American Network, established by the Riley Center/Museum, consists of and provides technical support to many individuals/organizations across the State of Florida including the following:

- Tots-N-Teens Theatre, Inc., **Jacksonville**, Florida (Ms. Sharon Coon)
- The Association to Preserve African American Society, History, & Tradition; **Orlando**, Florida (Mrs. Geraldine Thompson)
- Tajiri School of Performing Arts & academics, Inc., **Sanford** Florida (Mrs. Pat Whatley)
- The Black Archives & Lyric Theatre of South Florida, **Miami**, Florida (Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields)
- Carver Hill Memorial & Historical Society, Inc., **Crestview**, Florida (Mrs. Caroline Allen)
- The Pensacola African American Heritage Council, **Pensacola**, Florida (Dr. Lornetta Epps)
- Florida African American Chamber, **Pensacola**, Florida (Mr. Gene Franklin)
- McKinney Art Gallery and Kershaw Anderson Community House, **Tallahassee**, Florida (Mrs. Annie Harris)
- Renaissance Park, **Marianna**, Florida (Mr. Danny Sylvester)
- Roulhac School Historical Society, **Chipley**, Florida (Dr. Woods and Ms. Josephine Brown)

- Moss Hill Church & Historical Society, **Vernon, Florida** (Mrs. Alma Vann & Mrs. Faye Middleton)
- Lee Family Hotel and Hawk Massalina Family, **Panama City, Florida** (Mr. & Mrs. Dan Lee and Mr. Robert Caine)
- Little Zion Church and School, **Sneads, Florida** (Mr. Moses Harvey)
- LaVilla Museum, **Jacksonville, Florida** (Mrs. Lydia Stewart)
- Howard Academy Reunion, **Monticello, Florida** (Dr. Flossie Byrd)
- Rosewood Historical Society, **Cedar Key, Florida** (Mrs. Liz Jenkins)
- Union Academy & African American Historical Society, **Largo, Florida** (Mrs. Sandra Rooks)
- The Blanchard House, **Punta Gorda, Florida** (Dr. Martha Bireda)
- Pleasant City Heritage Gallery, **Pleasant City/West Palm Beach, Florida** (Mrs. Eveiree Clarke).
- Lofton B. Sands Museum, **Key West, Florida** (Mrs. Norma Sawyer)
- Old Dunbar School and Williams Academy, **Ft. Myers, Florida** (Mrs. Nina Rogers)
- Golden Rule & Harris Nest Historical Society, **Sanford, Florida** (Mrs. Patricia Andrews)
- Old Dillard Museum, **Fort Lauderdale, Florida** (Ernestine Ray)

In addition to these and many other individuals and organizations that contact the network for assistance, local, state, regional and national officials do also to obtain advice, consultation, and referrals for information pertaining to African American Heritage Preservation issues and concerns.

Attachments are provided to show evidence of the network's effectiveness, impact, and need for financial support from the State of Florida.

1. Project Title: Florida African American Heritage Network (FAAHPN) Date: 1/3/05
2. Member Sponsor(s) Name: Representative Curtis Richardson District No.(s): 8,6
Senator Alfred Lawson
3. What statewide interest does this project address as it relates to Chapter 216.052(1)? Revitalize neighborhoods and teach civic responsibility by providing individuals and organizations with technical assistance in how to value and protect community historical resources-Preserve Florida's history.
4. Requester:
 Name: Althemese Barnes Organization: Riley Center/Museum Inc.
5. Recipient:
 Name: Florida African American Heritage Street: 419 E. Jefferson Street
Preservation Network (FAAHPN)
 City: Tallahassee Zip Code: 32301
- Counties: Serves all counties in Florida Gov't Entity ☐ or Private Organization (Profit/Not for Profit) ☒
6. Contact:
 Name: Althemese Barnes Phone #: (850) 681-7881 e-mail: abarnes37@comcast.net & staff@rileymuseum.org
7. Project Description: (Include services to be provided) Individual and group training and consultation; assistance with identification and utilization of resources to improve and protect valuable landmarks streetscapes, residential and commercial neighborhood properties. Preserve collections.
8. Is this a project related to 2004 hurricane damage? Yes ☐ No ☒
- 8a. If yes, have you applied for financial assistance from FEMA? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 8b. If yes, enter your FEMA identification number: _____
- 8c. Is this project included in the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan? (See www.floridadisaster.org/bm/lms.htm for information) Yes ☐ No ☒
9. Measurable Outcome Anticipated: 150 individuals/organizations will receive consultation. At least 25 organizations will be assisted to develop cultural centers. 10 historical collections of history indigenous to Florida, located in statewide museums, will be catalogued and digitized.
10. Amount you are requesting from the State for this project this year? Amount Requested: \$ 255,000
11. Total cost of project this year: \$ 340,000
12. Is this request being made to fund (check all that apply): Operations ☒ Construction ☐
13. What type of match exists for this request? Local ☒ Private ☒ Federal ☐ None ☐
- 13a. Enter all amounts that apply: Total Cash Amount \$ Total In Kind Amount \$ 85,000
14. Was this project previously funded by the State? Yes ☐ No ☒
- 14a. If yes, most recent Fiscal Year _____ (eg. 2002-2003) Amount: \$
15. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes ☒ No ☐ 15a. If yes, how much? \$ 100,000
- 15b. Purpose for future year funding: Recurring Operations ☒ Non-Recurring Construction ☐ Other Helping schools, cultural centers, institutions with cultural/educational planning and programming, implementation.
16. Will this be an annual request? Yes ☒ No ☐
17. Was this project included in an Agency Budget Request? Yes ☐ No ☒
- 17a. If yes, name the Agency: _____
18. Was this project included in the Governor's Recommended Budget? Yes ☐ No ☒
19. Is there documented need for this project? Yes ☒ No ☐ Testimony from recipients of network service during the past year. Acknowledgement from public sources and Florida Tax Watch. Univ of Florida report 2002 showing benefits of cultural tourism in Florida.
- 19a. If yes, what is the documentation? (eg: LRPP, Agency Needs Assessment, etc.) Testimony from recipients of network service during the past year. Acknowledgement from public sources and Florida Tax Watch. Univ of Florida report 2002 showing benefits of cultural tourism in Florida.
20. Was this project request heard before a publicly-noticed meeting of a body of elected officials (municipal, county, or state)? Yes ☒ No ☐ 20a. If yes, name the Body: Leon Delegation
- 20b. Most recent meeting date: (eg 12/31/2004) 1/2004
21. Is this a water project? Yes ☐ No ☒ (See [www.dep.state.fl.us/water/waterprojectfunding/wp\(2005\)final.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/waterprojectfunding/wp(2005)final.htm) for more information)

If Yes, please complete Page 2

IMPORTANT: ATTACH APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS CBIRS REQUEST

Project Tracking #: _____

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21a. Has your project been filed previously with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)? Yes ☐ No ☒

(See www.dep.state.fl.us/water/waterprojectfunding/waterprojectshistory.pdf list of previously filed projects)

21b. If yes, DEP ID# _____

21c. Is the project eligible under section 403.885(5), F. S., to protect public health; protect the environment; and implement plans developed pursuant to the Surface Water Improvement and Management Act created in part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., other water restoration plans required by law, management plans prepared pursuant to s. 403.064, F.S., or other plans adopted by local government for water quality improvement and water restoration? Yes ☐ No ☒

22. Is your project addressed in a state, regional or local plan (such as a SWIM Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Local Master Plan, etc.)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

22a. If yes, name the plan and cite the pages on which the project is described _____

If you are requesting funding for a stormwater or surface water restoration project:

23. Which Water Management District has the jurisdiction of your project? NA

23a. Have you provided at least a 50% match? Yes ☐ No ☒

23b. If yes, identify the amount and source of the match: Amount \$ _____ Source: _____

23c. Will this project reduce pollutant loadings to a water management district designated "priority" surface water body? Yes ☐ No ☐

(See www.dep.state.fl.us/water/waterprojectfunding/WMDprioritywaters.htm for list of priority water bodies.)

23d. If yes, name the water body: _____

23e. If yes, describe, specifically, how it will reduce loadings, identify anticipated load reductions for total suspended solids, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and other contaminants, and specify the practices that will be used to reduce loadings: _____

If you are requesting funding for a wastewater project:

24. Does your project qualify for funding from DEP's "Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant Program" under section 403.1838, F.S.?

Yes ☐ No ☐ (See www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/cwstf/smalcwgp.htm for information)

24a. If yes, have you applied for funding? Yes ☐ No ☐

24b. If yes, provide the DEP Disadvantaged Small Community Grant project number _____

25. Other wastewater projects:

26. Have you received previous legislative funding for this project? Yes ☐ No ☐

26a. If yes, list the amount and the fiscal year. Amount \$ _____ Fiscal Year _____

27. Is the project under construction? Yes ☐ No ☐

28. Have you provided at least a 25% local match? Yes ☐ No ☐

28a. If yes, identify the amount and source of the match: Amount \$ _____ Source: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Regular Public Meeting
January 11, 2005

▪ **Commissioner Rackleff**

- Encouraged people to read *The Godfather Returns* book.

▪ **Commissioner Grippa**

- Appointed Margaret Ronald to Water Resources Committee

Staff: County Administration/Agenda Coordinator – Andrea Simpson/Christine Coble

- Requests an update on the status of the Bradfordville Pond #6.

Staff: Public Works/Engineering – Tony Park/Joe Brown

- **Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester, to have staff look at safety factor in design of roads, such as Deerlake Road, and bring back as an agenda item. The motion carried 7-0.**

Staff: Public Works/Engineering – Tony Park/Joe Brown

- **Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy, to agenda the “fiber” issue regarding the laying of fiber optic cable under new roads. The motion carried 7-0.**

Staff: Public Works/Engineering – Tony Park/Joe Brown

- Commissioner Grippa reported on the Florida World War II Memorial and there will be a presentation of \$25,000 sponsorship at the City Commission meeting. Col. Rocky McPherson would like the Chairman to say a few words. Commissioner Grippa requested the Board consider being a sponsor (66 counties have already done so) and contribute \$15,000 - \$20,000 and get the County's name on the Memorial plaque.

- **Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy, to refer this item to the Tourist Development Council for consideration and bring back an agenda item. The motion carried 7-0.**

Staff: TDC – Guy Thompson

▪ **Commissioner Winchester**

- **Commissioner Winchester moved to agenda the issue of transfer of development rights for the Flooded Property Acquisition Program. The motion carried 7-0.**

Staff: GEM/Development Services – Gary Johnson/David McDevitt
County Administration/Planning – Vincent Long/Wayne Tedder

▪ **Commissioner Thaell**

- Appointed Will Holley to the Ft. Braden Recreation Council

Staff: County Administration/Agenda Coordinator – Andrea Simpson/Christine Coble

- **Commissioner Thaell moved to agenda an item supporting the placement of the Network Project into a House and Senate Bill on appropriate process to receive legislative funding. The motion carried 7-0.**

Staff: County Administration – Vincent Long/Benjamin Pingree

